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TO: Rene Van Someren
FROM: Thomas Lentzen
SUBJECT: Ohio Ad Hoc Committee Sites
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On Monday August 11, 1980, Claude Mays, Martin Mathamel, and myself flew to Columbus, Ohio to obtain needed information to complete Preliminary Assessments for seven disposal sites. The following is a day to day breakdown of our activities, the findings we made, and the information obtained while in Ohio.

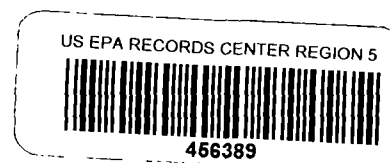
MONDAY

Chicago to Columbus
City of Columbus Health Department

Met with Mr. Edward Kitchen (614) 222-8191, and discussed the following sites that were within the City of Columbus Health Departments jurisdiction.

1. Welch Dump
2. Marble Cliff Quarries/Earthco, Inc.
3. City Landfill Corporation
4. Columbus Waste Oil Company

Mr. Kitchen knew about the first three sites but did not know about the Columbus Waste Oil Co. site and thus had no information to give us. The discussion which followed centered on the first three sites. Mr. Kitchen had little information in his files on the Welch Dump and the City Landfill Corporation site, mainly because both sites had been closed for a period of time: The Welch Dump since 1978 and the City Landfill site since 1971. Both sites according to Mr. Kitchen had no known acceptance of hazardous wastes and no known illness problems. No leachate was known to be occurring presently and neither sites had any problems with midnight dumping while active or currently while inactive. Both sites also were seeded and covered. Mr. Kitchen



did make mention about some activity occurring on the Welch Dump, where cover material which he believed was brought in approximately in February of 1980. No monitoring wells are located near either site, but periodic inspections were made. Marble Cliff Quarries/Earthco, Inc. site is an active "clean fill" site. Mr. Kitchen said that they (Health Department) have had problems with this site especially concerning the acceptance of solid wastes, specifically tree trimmings, grass, plastic and some steel material. This site has been cited several times and ordered to cease and desist from accepting this material. As before, no hazardous wastes or illness problems are known to exist according to Mr. Kitchen. This site also has no monitoring wells is inspected once a week or once every two weeks. After reviewing the information Mr. Kitchen had in his files and photocopying what was deemed necessary we proceeded to make off site reconnaissance on these sites with Mr. Kitchens' help. The City Landfill Corporation site and the Welch Dump were indeed closed and covered and no dumping signs were posted. There was no indication of any recent dumping. At Marble Cliff Quarries/Earthco, Inc. we did notice solid waste material on site. All three sites produced nothing unusual and for these sites, sketch maps were made. At the Columbus Waste Oil Disposal Co., several items were encountered at the onset.

- A strong noticeable odor.
- As we walked down the railroad tracks that ran along the side of the site we saw pools (lagoons) of oil which can be considered a potential fire hazard.
- Two overturned tank trailers on site.
- Vegetation covered with oil.
- Dike which surrounded the holding tanks was filled with oil.
- Surface runoff of oil into a nearby creek.

Mr. Kitchen stated that no complaints had been filled about site. A site sketch was made of this site.

TUESDAY

Ohio EPA

Met with Mr. Joseph Arar and Mr. Duane Snyder (614) 466-6450 to review their files on:

- Welch Dump
- Marble Cliff Quarries/Earthco, Inc.
- City Landfill Corporation

- E-COL Bedford Site #1
- J.D. Hershberger Landfill
- Pennvalt CSD Delaware Plant

All information that was needed was copied. To their knowledge none of these sites had accepted any hazardous wastes. OEPA did not have any information on the Pennvalt CSD Delaware Plant site. To their knowledge also, no illness problems have been reported and OEPA inspects all sites with permits at least three times per year. They expressed little concern about the Columbus Waste Oil Disposal Company, but their files indicated a long list of violations. The Hershberger site is currently in litigation and the E-COL Bedford site is being closely watched.

WEDNESDAY

Franklin County Health Department

Met with Mr. Dennis Steele (614) 462-3160. The only site which was under the Franklin County Health Departments jurisdiction was the E-COL Bedford Site #1. Mr. Steele expressed great concern about this site. According to Mr. Steele, this site is constantly in violation, and has been closed on many occasions. The site has accepted industrial liquids and solvents resins, sludges and incinerator solids not approved by the OEPA and the Franklin County Health Department. Mr. Steele did not mention that both the Ohio EPA and the Franklin County Health Department is keeping a close watch on this site. He also made mention that the FAA is investigating this site due to its location to the Port Columbus Airport.

Department of Natural Resources

Obtained well logs for all seven sites.

Flew back to Chicago.

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